

Claim 11, line 3, change "6 to 9" to --6, 7 or 9--.

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55. (Amended) A recombinant DNA comprising a vector, a promoter, a first DNA fragment being the DNA fragment of any one of claims 6 [to], 7 or 9, and a second DNA fragment [being the tomK DNA fragment of claim 10], said second DNA fragment comprising a region encoding a polypeptide TomK having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, and a property to enhance the toluene monooxygenase activity of a protein comprised of at least TomL to TomP; or a region encoding a variant TomK in which the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 is altered with the proviso that the property to enhance the toluene monooxygenase activity is not impaired,

wherein the first DNA fragment is functionally connected to the promoter to express an active toluene monooxygenase, and the second DNA fragment is functionally connected to the promoter to express a property to enhance the toluene monooxygenase activity.

REMARKS

Claims 11 and 55 have been amended to correct their dependency and conformity with accepted U.S. practice.

No new matter has been added.

~~Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.~~

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